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Applicants : Kumar Akhilesh Tyagi, et al.  
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Title : NOVEL GENE *OSISAP1* OF RICE  
: CONFERS TOLERANCE TO STRESSES  
: AND A METHOD THEREOF  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 17, 2007, Applicants submit this Amendment together with a copy of Kanneganti et al. ("Overexpression of *OsiSAP8*, a member of stress associated protein (SAP) gene family of rice confers tolerance to salt, drought and cold stress in transgenic tobacco and rice," Plant Mol. Biol.). This Amendment contains the following parts:

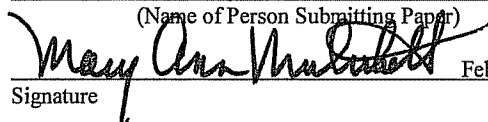
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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